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‘We’re still in shock’



Men console each other at a restaurant as new reports come over the TV about the shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida on June 12. A somber President Barack Obama expressed grief and outrage at the “horrific massacre” of 50 late-night revelers at an Orlando gay club, branding it an act of terror and hate. MANDEL NGANMANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

ORLANDO SHOOTING

Ottawa LGBT community holding vigils



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Members of Ottawa’s LGBT community organized a vigil Sunday evening to mourn victims of a shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando that left 50 people dead, making it the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

“It’s really just a gathering to feel some solidarity and to grieve,” said Ottawa Capital Pride organizer Tammy Dopson Sunday afternoon at the Human Rights Monument, where mourners were scheduled to gather.

“We’re still in shock.”

A gunman identified as Omar Mateen of Port St. Lucie, Florida wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub early Sunday, before dying in a gunfight with SWAT officers, police said.

Officials said the attack in Pulse nightclub also injured 53 people, most of them in critical condition.

The gunman’s father recalled that his son recently got angry when he saw two men kissing in Miami and said that might be related to the assault.

“The targeting of any group with senseless acts of violence is an abhorrent act of cowardice,” Ottawa Capital Pride said in a written public statement. “We express our deepest sympathies to the victims and their loved ones. We convey our gratitude to first responders whose actions prevented more victims.”

On Sunday, Ottawa mourned along with the United States. Mayor Jim Watson released a statement announcing the Pride flag will be flown in front of the Heritage Building, and that the American flag be flown at Marion Dewar Plaza until sundown on Thursday.

Before the planned vigil, Dopson said it was too early to talk about any impact the shooting might have on plans for Ottawa’s Capital Pride, which takes place in August.

“Really right now we’re just thinking of Orlando and our community there. It’s really about what’s happening down south and those most affected,” she said.

“People are going to walk to express themselves and be able to talk. That’s really the only thing we can do right now.”

The Student Federation of the University of Ottawa is also organizing a second independent vigil Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Human Rights Monument.

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A song to support residents

FORT MCMURRAY

Musician hopes tune will help with mental health programs



Emma Jackson
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No Fort McMurray resident will forget their trip down Highway 63 as their town burned behind them, but now the disaster has been immortalized in song.

Larry Pegg, a songwriter from Greely, said he wrote Highway 63 on May 8, just days after 88,000 people packed the road to escape the raging wildfire.

"I knew that when they got into their cars, they felt like they'd lost everything," Pegg said.

About 2,400 buildings were damaged or destroyed in the fire, including most of the communities of Abasand, Beacon Hill and Waterways.

Like millions of fellow Canadians, Pegg watched the news footage with horror.

"I just opened up emotionally, the words came pouring out," Pegg said.

He's no stranger to loss.

His 20-year-old daughter died by suicide in 2007, and that has coloured his musical pursuits to use song as a uniting force.

His debut album, *The Theory of Positivity*, included a song about suicide called *Weight*, and he donated its royalty proceeds to the Do It For Daron



Greely songwriter Larry Pegg hopes his song Highway 63 can help Fort McMurray residents as they cope with losing their homes.

EMMA JACKSON/METRO

campaign at the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre.

This time around, 50 per cent of all Highway 63 proceeds — whether it is downloaded off his website, streamed online or played on the radio — will go to the Red Cross's mental health program to help Fort McMurray residents cope.

Pegg said "a tsunami" of building the northern "crazy town" and "ripping oil from the northern sands" — it's also a touchstone for any city dealing with tragedy, Pegg said.

While the song is very clearly about Fort McMurray

"I just opened up emotionally, the words came pouring out."

Larry Pegg

— referring to "roughnecks" building the northern "crazy town" and "ripping oil from the northern sands" — it's also a touchstone for any city dealing with tragedy, Pegg said.

"Any town can be blazing with emotion at any time," he said.

He pointed, for example, to the weekend's mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

Pegg seems to have a knack for channelling tragedy into song.

His first recording was inspired by the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, and he's written about Pierre Trudeau's death, the Arab Spring, and the Syrian war.

"I'm really drawn to these moments where large numbers of people are affected by a natural disaster or an injustice," he said.

"All of these public events make me feel like part of Canada, and part of the citizen humanity."

He encouraged Ottawa residents to download the song from lpgroove.ca — it's pay what you can — or request it be played on a local radio station.

Lead vocals are performed by Ottawa musician Jeff Rogers.

POLICE

Suspicious death in Lowertown

Ottawa police are investigating a suspicious death after a man's body was found in an apartment building in Lowertown late Saturday evening.

Police were still on scene at 160 Charlotte St. Sunday morning. The Major Crime Unit is investigating, but police say the death is "not considered a homicide at this time."

The man's identity has not yet been released.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

IN BRIEF

Woman in serious condition after collision

The RCMP is investigating after a pedestrian was struck in the city's west end Saturday evening and sent to hospital in serious condition. Paramedics say a woman in her 50s was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Richmond Road and Island Park Drive at 10:43 p.m. METRO

Motel destroyed by fire

The Ottawa Fire Services and Ottawa Police Service responded to a two-alarm fire Sunday evening at the Beacon Hill Motel.

Fire Services fire prevention and investigations officers tweeted Sunday evening that all occupants escaped safely from the east-end motel and there were no injuries. METRO

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THINGS TO WATCH FOR AT CITY HALL THIS WEEK



Lucy Scholey
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Geese eggs and transit fares: Here are some non-sinkhole things to look out for this week.



1 Drivers must yield at new 'pedestrian crossovers'

Tap those brakes, Ottawa drivers. The city is opening its first "pedestrian crossover" on Monday and police say they won't show mercy for anyone who does not know the rules. The crossovers yield a total right of way to pedestrians, unlike regular crosswalks. Any driver who fails to stop for a pedestrian at a crossover faces a \$500 fine and three demerit points. After the official unveiling at the Earl of March Secondary School on Monday, 43 other crossovers will open in the city.

2 Bus fare change

Leading up to the light rail launch, OC Transpo customers will face big fare changes. As we recently heard, express bus riders will pay less, but regular monthly pass holders will pay more. That's because the express pass and premium cash fare will disappear, but the regular monthly pass buyers will pay \$7 more. The proposed fare structure is up for debate at the transit commission on Wednesday.



3 Blair Station development

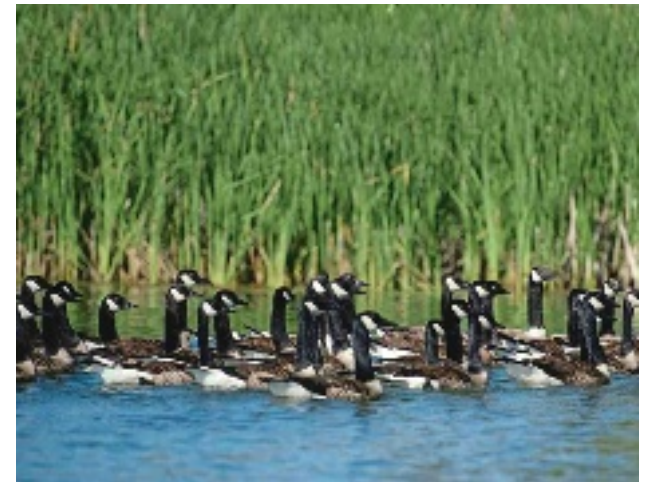
In other LRT-related developments, RioCan wants to build two 20-unit highrise residential buildings near the future station. Located beside the Silver City Centre, staff say the project fits with the city's plan to intensify near the Blair LRT station. It's not without controversy. There are some concerns that with a proposed new Costco nearby, the area will turn into another traffic-jammed Merivale Road.

4 Bayview funding?

The federal government is expected to announce funding for the Innovation Centre at Bayview Yards on Wednesday. The \$30 million project involves transforming a derelict industrial complex at 7 Bayview Rd. into an incubation hub for startups and students alike. So far, the province has pledged half and the city is expected to match those funds.

5 Adding to oiling

The City of Ottawa is greasing up goose eggs to control the winged pests. Last year, the city launched a goose-control pilot project on Petrie Island. This year, the city has switched to an oiling method; It involves sterilizing the eggs with a coat of vegetable- or mineral-based oil, which blocks the air from the pores. It's apparently just as effective as egg addling (shaking the eggs to break the internal membranes), which the city used last year to sterilize 66 eggs. The project has expanded to Riverain, Bordeleau, Kingsview and King Edward parks.



IN MEMORIAM

Mayor receives condolences



Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Mayor Jim Watson's father died at the age of 91 on Saturday afternoon in Ottawa.

Condolences for the passing of Beverley Watson began showing up on Twitter late Saturday afternoon, directed at the mayor and his sister Jayne Watson, who is CEO of the National Arts Centre

Foundation.

"There can be no bigger hole than the one left in the heart when a parent dies ... my condolences to @JimWatsonOttawa and family," wrote local artist Andrew King on his Twitter profile.

Algonquin College president Cheryl Jensen said, "On behalf of all of us @AlgonquinColleg, please accept our deepest sympathies — for your entire family."

Their father had been living

at a long-term care facility in the Glebe. The mayor spent some time there himself when he broke his pelvis in March 2015.

At the time, he tweeted a photo of the father and son duo "comparing wheelchairs" and joked about following the speed limit down the hallways.

Watson's mother, Frances Watson, died at the age of 84 in 2014 after her battle with Alzheimer's disease.

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Poilievre backs original hospital site

LEGISLATURE

The city's sole Tory MP wants to study delay in picking site



Haley Ritchie
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Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre

announced Sunday he intends to put forward a motion in the House of Commons to address the government's delay in picking a site for the new Ottawa Hospital.

The Ottawa Hospital and former Conservative MP John Baird announced in 2014 that the new "21st-century hospital" would be built on 60 acres of the Central Experimental Farm next door to its Civic campus on Carling Avenue.

But the newly elected Liberal government re-opened the process after an outcry from critics who argued public consultation was lacking from the plan. Earlier this month, Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly asked the National Capital Commission to consider all federal land in the national capital region for a new location.

On Monday, Poilievre will put forward a motion asking the House of Commons Health

Committee to study the delay.

The sole Conservative MP representing Ottawa said he also intends to question Joly and other government officials about the process on Parliament Hill.

"In the core of a major city, you're never going to find 60 acres of land to build on without somebody objecting," said Poilievre in an interview Sunday. "My concern is they'll find some other place and then

there will be new objections. Those objections could delay that new site for months or years again."

The motion will likely be debated later this week and if successful go to committee the week after next.

Specifically, he wants the government to share what locations they are considering and provide more scientific evidence on why the experimental farm is a bad choice.



Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre
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RIDEAU CENTRE

Shops reopening alongside sinkhole

Five days after a massive sinkhole opened up in front of the Rideau Centre the city is still working on repairing the damage and allowing businesses to reopen.

By Sunday afternoon businesses that had been affected, including the Chateau Laurier, the Westin, Milestones, the Metropolitan, the Rideau Centre, the Bay and Chapters had re-opened.

"A reminder to support those businesses who had to close for two or three days this week. If the flow of people is any idea, the community's really stepping up," said Rideau-Vanier councillor Mathieu Fleury.

The skywalk connecting the Bay with the rest of the mall also reopened Saturday and became an unusual tourist attraction for visitors and residents who wanted a better look at the construction.

The first phase of concrete work has been completed, according to the city. Crews are now working on pipes to restore drinking water to buildings. A precautionary water boil advisory is still in effect for buildings without water service.

Holtz Spa and the CIBC build-

ing remain closed to the public. "We still have to re-establish those connections. Certainly there's a lot of work to be done," said Coun. Mathieu Fleury. "The nice thing is they're working 24 hours, so the work is progressing quickly."

Many road closures remain in place, including portions of Elgin Street, Rideau Street, Wellington Street, Colonel By Drive, Sussex Drive. Colonel By Drive northbound is open to Daily Avenue and Colonel By Drive southbound from Mackenzie Boulevard is open.

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The sinkhole's repairs as of last weekend.

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Premier plans cabinet shuffle

POLITICS

Government refresh set for Monday after resignations

Premier Kathleen Wynne will promote some new faces to the front benches of the Ontario legislature Monday in her first cabinet shuffle since leading the Liberals back to a majority government in June 2014.

Deputy cabinet chair Jim Bradley announced Sunday he was stepping down from the executive council to make room for new blood at the cabinet table, following the resignations last week of three other ministers.

It's "normal" for ministers to change roles and responsibilities at the mid-point of a mandate, said Bradley, who will assume the duty of chief government whip in the legislature.

"There is a window of opportunity at this time for the premier to include in her cabinet a number of new and very capable individuals who are eager to accept additional responsibility as members of the executive council," he said in a statement.

"I have suggested to the premier that I assist in the effort by relinquishing my position ... thereby opening a position in cabinet for a new appointee."

No names were confirmed late Sunday, but some of the backbenchers most often talked about as cabinet prospects included Sudbury's Glen Thi-beault, who is a former NDP MP, Burlington's Eleanor McMahon and Ottawa's Marie-France Lalonde.

Wynne spent Sunday making calls to let people know who's in — and who's out — of her

cabinet, the inner circle that will be the face of the Liberal government heading into the election scheduled for June 2018.

Genevieve Tellier, political-studies professor at the University of Ottawa, said a shuffle makes sense with the next election just two years away.

Fixed election dates allow for better long-term planning, she said.

"It's easier for the government to get prepared, so now they know the time they need to have new files and get prepared for the next election," Tellier said.

"I think it's perfect timing, two years to bring in new blood, get them working on the files, see how they perform ... also a reinvigorated cabinet and government, broadly that's a good thing." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Premier Kathleen Wynne spent Sunday making calls. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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'Nobody stood a chance': Witness

MASSACRE

Gunman dead after killing at least 50 at gay nightclub

It had been an evening of drinking, dancing and drag shows. After hours of revelry, the partygoers crowding the gay nightclub known as the Pulse took their last sips before the place closed.

That's when authorities say Omar Mateen emerged, carrying an AR-15 and spraying the helpless crowd with bullets. Witnesses said he fired relentlessly — 20 rounds, 40, then 50 and more. In such tight quarters, the bullets could hardly miss. He shot at police. He took hostages.

When the gunfire finally stopped, 50 people were dead and dozens critically wounded in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Mateen, who authorities said had pledged allegiance to Daesh in a 911 call shortly before the attack, died

in a battle with SWAT team members.

Authorities immediately began investigating whether the assault was an act of terrorism and probing the background of Mateen, a 29-year-old American citizen from Fort Pierce, Fla., who had worked as a security guard.

At least 53 people were hospitalized, most in critical condition, officials said. A surgeon at Orlando Regional Medical Center said the death toll was likely to climb.

"There's blood everywhere," Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer said.

The gunman's father recalled that his son recently got angry when he saw two men kissing in Miami and said that might be related to the assault.

Mateen's ex-wife said his family was from Afghanistan but that her ex-husband was born in New York. His family later moved to Florida.

The Orlando suspect exchanged gunfire with 14 police officers at the club, which had more than 300 people inside. The

gunfire started around 2 a.m.

"He had an automatic rifle, so nobody stood a chance," said Jackie Smith, who had two friends next to her get shot. "I just tried to get out of there."

At one point, the gunman took hostages. Around 5 a.m., authorities sent in a SWAT team to rescue them, Police Chief John Mina said.

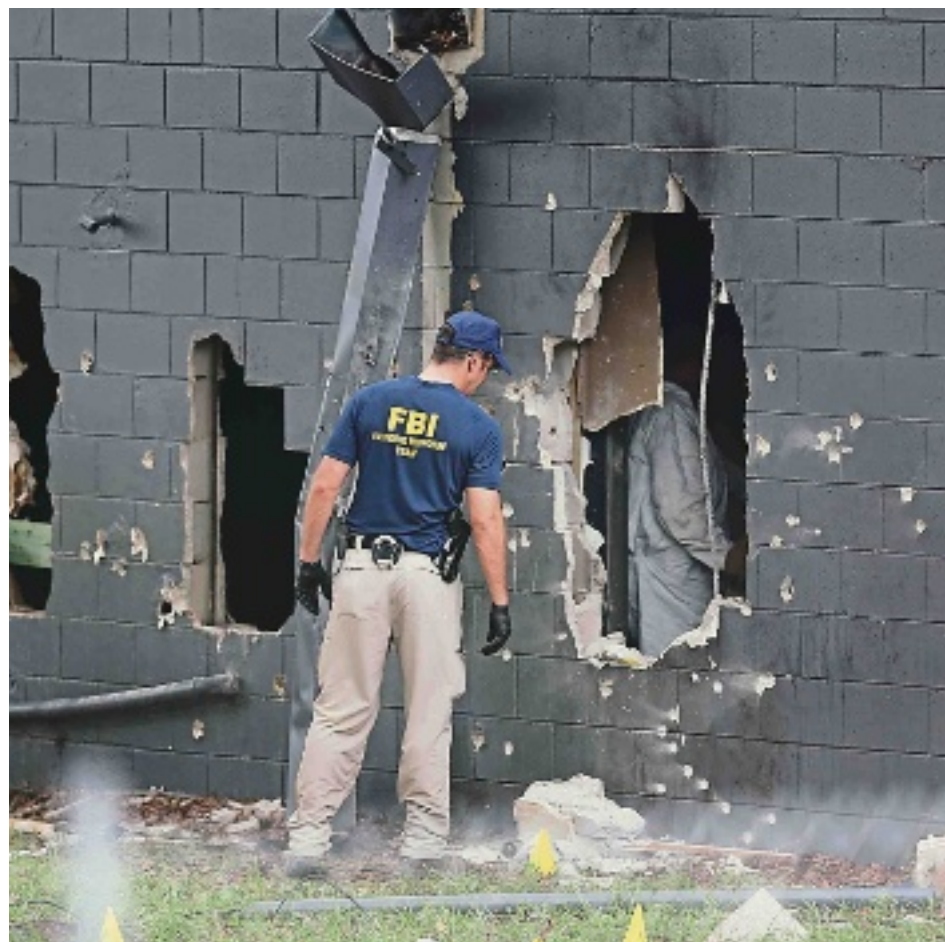
In addition to the assault rifle, the shooter also had some sort of "suspicious device," the police chief said.

In the aftermath of the attack, police departments across the country stepped up patrols in neighbourhoods frequented by the LGBT community.

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+ BACKGROUND

The previous deadliest mass shooting in the U.S. was the 2007 attack at Virginia Tech, where a student killed 32 people before killing himself.



FBI agents investigate the damaged rear wall of the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Fla., where a mass shooting killed at least 50 people and injured 53 others in what is the deadliest mass shooting in the country's history. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

REACTION

Obama condemns attack

U.S. President Barack Obama decried the deadliest mass shooting in American history on Sunday as a terrorist act targeting a place of "solidarity and empowerment" for gays and lesbians. He urged Americans to decide "if that's the kind of country we want to be."

Hours after a gunman killed at least 50 people in Orlando, Obama said the FBI would investigate the nightclub shooting as terrorism but said the shooter's motivations were unclear. He said the U.S. "must spare no effort" to determine whether the suspect had any ties to extremist groups.

"What is clear is he was a person filled with hatred," Obama said. He added: "We know enough to say that this was an act of terror and an act of hate. And as Americans, we are united in grief, in outrage and in resolve to defend our people."

Obama had planned to travel to Wisconsin on Wednesday for his first campaign appearance of the 2016 race, a joint rally with Hillary Clinton in Green Bay, Wisconsin. But Clinton's campaign and the White House said that event was being postponed in light of the attack.

The president, who has



U.S. President Barack Obama addresses the mass shooting Sunday. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

proclaimed June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, called the attack "heartbreaking" for the LGBT community. He said the site of the shooting was more than a nightclub because it was a place where people came "to raise awareness, to speak their minds and to advocate for their civil rights."

"The shooter targeted a night club where people came together to be with friends to dance and to sing — to live," Obama said.

For Obama, the hastily

+ PM REACTS

Canadian officials express their grief and sympathy

The attack came during Pride month, both in the U.S. and Canada. Candlelight vigils to mourn the victims were planned in several Canadian cities Sunday night, including Toronto and Vancouver.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau offered Canada's condolences to the victims, calling the massacre a "domestic terror attack."

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, who is openly gay, wrote on Twitter that her thoughts are with the LGBT community, while B.C. Premier Christy Clark tweeted that she is "incredibly saddened by the evil brutality" of the Florida shooting.

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arranged remarks were the latest in what's become a tragically familiar routine. Since he took office in 2009, Obama has appeared before cameras more than a dozen times following mass shootings and issued written statements after many others.

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Ideology often a 'mask': Expert

PSYCHOLOGY

Stated motives can simply be a final excuse for mass murder

Raging homophobia? Islamic radicalism?

Whatever motivation may emerge for the Sunday morning slaughter at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla., should be viewed with skepticism, an expert in mass shootings says.

Adam Lankford, a criminal-justice professor at the University of Alabama, says underlying mental-health issues typically drive such murders, with any ideological impetus being a grasped excuse to justify the carnage.

"There have been a lot of offenders in the past who claim an ideology," says Lankford, author of the 2013 book *The Myth of Martyrdom: What Really Drives Suicide Bombers, Rampage Shooters and Other Self-Destructive Killers*. "But we don't really think that what they said is why they did it or is the primary reason they did it."

The 29-year-old Mateen himself was killed by police, who soon described his rampage as a terrorist act. But his father, Mir Seddique, said his son may well have been driven by homophobic anger, having become enraged several months ago in Miami at the sight of two men kissing.

Lankford says there's a good chance Mateen will have left documents or Internet postings that would make his purported motivations clear.

"So if what we're interested in is what this guy claims is the reason for his attack, it's possible he'll give us the answer," he says.

"That's one answer, but then the broader thing is, once we hear this person claims a motive or doesn't, to what degree should we believe him?"

Lankford says his book exposed "case after case after case" of killers who professed that Islamic fundamentalism was behind their carnage, but they "really seemed to care more about some combination of killing others and killing themselves," he says.

"The ideology in their case was really kind of a mask. It was their way of framing themselves as martyrs or heroes in their perspective."

Virginia Tech shooter Seung-Hui Cho, for example, claimed a Jesus-like desire to save the downtrodden and oppressed as his motivation for killing 32



Omar Mateen, who authorities say killed dozens inside an Orlando nightclub on Sunday. MYSPACE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Criminal-justice professor Adam Lankford

people on that campus in 2007.

"But nobody really says ... Christianity is the reason why he committed the shootings," Lankford says. "Because we realize no matter what he said, the evidence is clear he had severe mental-health problems, wanted to die ... and was just latching onto that ideology to make himself seem more important."

The Washington Post reported Sunday that Mateen's former wife said he had regularly beaten her, was mentally unstable and showed little interest in religion.

While ideology may not be the primary cause of mass killings, the one chosen often influences their location, Lankford says.

Dylann Roof's choice of an African-American church in

Charleston, where he killed nine black worshippers last June, seemed clearly motivated by racism, Lankford says.

"But if you look at the case of Dylann Roof ... it's not even internally consistent," he says.

"People who knew him didn't even think he was racist; he had black Facebook friends. You had the ideology that at some point took hold, but it's not a clear case as with someone who had decades of hatred along those lines."

Likewise, Mateen is unlikely to have expressed either a long-standing homophobia or radical Islamic commitments, Lankford says.

"You'll probably see that as a kind of triggering thing, closer to the end." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Shooter was known to FBI: Official

HISTORY

Father says son got angry after seeing two men kissing

A law-enforcement official says the shooter in the massacre at a gay Florida nightclub was known to the FBI before the incident and had been looked at by agents within the last few years.

Omar Mateen of Port St. Lucie, Fla., has been identified as the shooter in a massacre at a gay Florida nightclub Sunday.

The official said the matter for which Mateen came under investigation was "open and closed pretty quickly." The official was not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A gunman wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun opened fire inside Pulse Orlando early Sunday before dying in a gunfight with SWAT officers, police said.

Rep. Alan Grayson named the shooter, citing law-en-



A bomb disposal unit checks for explosives around the apartment building in Fort Pierce, Fla., where Orlando nightclub shooter Omar Mateen is believed to have lived. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

forcement officials. A federal law-enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation also confirmed the name. The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.



He would just come home and start beating me up because the laundry wasn't finished or something like that.

Omar Mateen's ex-wife

The father of Mateen says he's in shock and that he wasn't aware of anything his son might have been planning.

Mir Seddique told NBC News that his son got angry when he saw two men kissing in Miami a couple of months ago and

thinks that may be related to the shooting.

Seddique says: "We are saying we are apologizing for the whole incident.... We are in shock like the whole country."

The father also says the incident has nothing to do with religion.

Mateen's ex-wife has spoken with the Washington Post, telling them he was abusive and "not a stable person."

The ex-wife, who the Post said spoke on condition of anonymity because she feared for her safety in the wake of the mass shooting, said, "He beat me. He would just come home and start beating me up because the laundry wasn't finished or something like that."

Officials say the shooter was among the 50 killed and that they're investigating whether the incident was an act of terrorism.

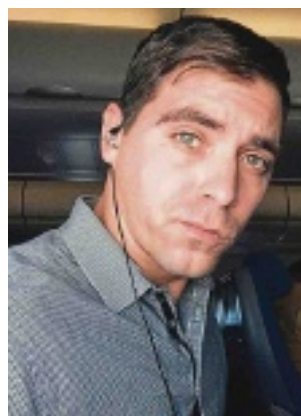
A SWAT truck and a bomb-disposal unit were on the scene of an apartment complex in a residential neighbourhood in Fort Pierce, Fla., associated with Mateen. Fort Pierce is nearly 200 kilometres south-east of Orlando.

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Names of victims emerging



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Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo,
20 years old. FACEBOOK

PRIDE ARREST

Man detained in California had guns and explosives

An Indiana man armed with three assault rifles and chemicals used to make explosives was arrested in Southern California on Sunday and told police he wanted to do harm to a gay pride parade — an event that annually draws hundreds of thousands of people, authorities said.

The early-morning arrest in Santa Monica of James Wesley Howell, 20, came just a few hours after at least 50 people were shot and killed in a gay nightclub in Orlando Florida, though authorities said they had found no evi-

dence of a connection between the suspects.

Residents called police to report suspicious behaviour from Howell, who was parked facing the wrong way in a white sedan, police said.

When officers arrived they saw an assault rifle sitting in Howell's passenger seat, Santa Monica police Lt. Saul Rodriguez said.

That prompted them to search the whole car. They found two more assault rifles, high capacity magazines and ammunition and a five-gallon bucket with chem-

icals that could be used to make an explosive device, police said.

Santa Monica police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks tweeted that Howell told officers after he was arrested that he wanted to harm the gay pride event in West Hollywood that was taking place about seven miles away later Sunday.

Authorities would answer no further questions on Howell or his motives. The FBI has taken over the lead of the investigation from the local police.

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Orlando's meaning depends on which echo chamber you live in

The bloodiest mass shooting in U.S. history has sent the country into shock. But the reaction was set in stone long before the first bullet was fired.

After a single man massacred 50 people at downtown gay club, Orlando, Fla., "tragically sits atop a list of infamy, sharing the sorrow of Virginia Tech, Newtown, Conn., and Aurora, Colo," to quote the Orlando Sentinel newspaper. These sites of mass shootings are a new category of American city to which none aspires, and that are inevitably used as shorthand for conflicting beliefs.

"Liberals are going to scream gun control and Republicans are going to scream terrorism," my American fiancé told me. I had called him and his parents in the wake of news, as play-by-play coverage of the investigation and fallout rolled across American media.

"Mass shootings are the Rorschach test," he said. "Whatever you want to see in America, you see your issue in it. They get bigger and bigger. It's an epidemic, and whatever you think the cure is, the epidemic just proves it."

That isn't to say such issues — be it terrorism, gun control, LGBTQ hatred or mental health — are baseless. The gunman, Omar Mateen, did reportedly claim allegiance to the Islamic State in a 911 call before the attack, and ISIS has claimed

responsibility. (Whether Mateen had any "direct link" to ISIS, or was simply inspired, remains unclear, the New York Times reported). Mateen reportedly acquired both the handgun and a long gun used in the attack legally. Mateen's father said that Mateen was recently greatly upset at seeing two men kissing. And who wouldn't wonder about the mental health of a mass murderer?

But the rush to diagnose races far ahead of the rush to understand because doing so lets us box the problem away, requiring no further thought, or even nuance. In this way we preclude any real progress toward preventing violence, and saving lives.

The right dismisses the left, and the left does the same, and the echo chambers increase hatred and violence as we skip straight to blame, noted my future father-in-law.

And what of the slain? As their names are slowly released, they battle with "terrorism" and "guns" for headline space, and our attention.

"We need to support each other, we need to love each other, and we will not be defined by a hateful shooter," said Buddy Dyer, Orlando's mayor.

The city might achieve that goal in practice, but the symbolism of its name has been set. And the nation was defined by the shooter before he took a single shot.

VOICES FROM CANADA'S LGBT COMMUNITY

Coast-to-coast outrage

Metro sought out reaction to the Orlando massacre from prominent LGBT advocates in Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. Their shock was palpable, as was their resolve to unite their communities around the tragedy, which saw 50 people killed and more than 50 others injured. **Here's what some of them said.**

'My heart goes out to the victims. Our community has suffered a tremendous loss. We must stand together.'

ELLEN PAGE, HALIFAX, ACTRESS AND LGBT ACTIVIST, (VIA TWITTER)



'Historically, LGBTTTQ clubs have always been a bit of a safe space. To have this happen in a club like that — it's saddening.'

JEFF MYALL, PRIDE WINNIPEG



'This is an extreme act of violence targeting not just individuals but an entire community, to eradicate a community.'

KRIS WELLS, EDMONTON, INSTITUTE OF SEXUAL MINORITY STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA



'This guy is a reflection of that five per cent of society who are bigots ... He didn't have the ability to raise a moral army, so instead he picked up a gun.'

MORGANE OGER, VANCOUVER, CHAIR, TRANS ALLIANCE SOCIETY OF B.C.



'The injury to an LGBT person is an injury to all of us. I'm tired that we're having to deal with this kind of hatred again.'

EL-FAROUK KHAKI, TORONTO, FOUNDER, LGBT-FRIENDLY UNITY MOSQUE



'The more we point fingers, the more we will become further divided. We need to reunite and remember the people who lost their lives.'

NOLAN HILL, CALGARY, LGBT ACTIVIST WHO ORGANIZED A VIGIL THE CITY'S OLYMPIC PLAZA.



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"If someone tells you they have been sexually assaulted, take it effing seriously and listen to them."
Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns in his keynote speech to the Stanford graduating class on Sunday.



Some parents are using the publicity surrounding the sentencing of former Stanford student Brock Turner, seen above, to talk to their own children about sexual misconduct.

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How to talk about consent

ANALYSIS

It's never too early to teach kids about healthy sexuality

When a relative swoops in for an unwanted hug, Todd Minerson's kids don't grin and bear it.

"I teach my kids now, if you don't want to hug grandpa today, that's OK," said Minerson, a father to a 10-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl and executive director of White Ribbon, an organization promoting gender equality and challenging harmful ideas of masculinity. "That's (their) choice and he's going to respect that."

How to teach children about consent is one of the teachable moments sexual health educators are hoping to come from outrage over details in the Stanford University swimmer sexual assault case — in which a jury in March convicted student athlete Brock Turner, 20, of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman by a dumpster last year. That outrage intensified last week as the victim's impassioned letter spread online, along with Turner's father's in-court comments about "20-minutes-of-action" not warranting his son's six-month jail sentence.

Parents need to talk to their children about consent, healthy sexuality and about taking re-

sponsibility when they cause harm, educators say.

"It starts from birth," said Lyba Spring, Toronto sexual health educator, explaining that as babies, parents should use a gentle, loving touch with their child. As he or she grows, the parent should teach the dictionary names of all body parts, tell the child that touching oneself is OK but should be done in private, and help the child practise saying a big, affirmative "Yes."

Parents also must respect their child's "Nos." If a child doesn't want to be picked up, tickled or hugged, parents must accept that, said Spring.

The message needs to be clear: your body is your own, she said.

As children get older and conversations turn to sex, the message should evolve and include the three prerequisites for any sexual interaction: consent, safety and pleasure, said Spring. She tells students "sub-

stances and sexual activity are a bad mix," though it's one thing to be buzzed and another to be incapacitated — an unconscious person can't legally consent to sexual activity under the Canadian criminal code. If consent isn't clearly there, "You stop on a dime," she said.

But educators and anti-violence advocates admit even they have trouble answering tough questions about the nitty-gritty of consent.

"Nuance is hard," said Minerson. "There are a thousand different scenarios that in real life people could find themselves in. And they need to have the principles and strategies to figure them out themselves."

When working with groups of boys whose questions start going down a rabbit hole, Minerson comes back to the hallmark questions of consent: Is it affirmative? Is it enthusiastic? Is it ongoing?

"If you hear an answer that's anything but enthusiastically affirmative, it's not OK," he said.

Some educators say there's no difference between teaching consent to boys versus teaching it to girls.

But Minerson said that although the mechanics may be the same for both sexes, the context is sometimes different. Men need to know they need to ask for consent, and women need to know it's OK to say "no" and that "no" needs to be respected, he said.

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Todd Minerson, executive director of White Ribbon on consent

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CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

System creating skills mismatch: Economist

Jennifer Wells
Torstar News Service

"God, there's a lot."

That's economist Craig Alexander exhaling deeply in an interview about the labour market. It's not an expression of exasperation about the latest labour force survey from Statistics Canada, in which we see a relatively flat job market and the ongoing structural adjustment to lower energy prices. But the substantive issues that lie behind the changing profile of the labour market and our readiness for the future demands of work.

Education, by example. "The global labour market is evolving quicker than our institutions seem to be able to change," Alexander says. "So as the labour market changes and skills demand change, the education system doesn't actually change the way it's delivering that education, or the outcomes our kids are experiencing. As a consequence you fall behind and

you fall behind and you fall behind until there's a feeling that there's a crisis that needs to be dealt with and you get some policy action."

Alexander is vice-president of economic analysis at the C. D. Howe Institute and ex of the TD Bank, so he's lived the life of monitoring financial market responses to statistical data. But today he's wondering about high school guidance programs that appear ill-prepared to help students make informed decisions as to what programs to take in university. Parents about to send their daughters and sons off to their first-ever university experience this fall can no doubt relate.

(In our own household, the Grade 9 Careers course was an utter waste of time. Perhaps your own experience has been different.)

Alexander has worked up a chart, as you might expect. He charted graduate rates by discipline — "How many students are going through the university system and graduating with a general arts degree and what percentage are coming out with degrees in engineering, math, sciences. If you compare the graph of what kids are studying in university with a graph that shows employment rates by graduation, they're inverted."

Those who have followed

There are a lot of things we should be doing to improve the education system to help our students be better prepared before they even go into the post-secondary system

Craig Alexander



Economist Craig Alexander says we need to encourage more entrepreneurship among our young people.

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labour force mismatches have known this for some time.

"I think (the education system) has fallen very far behind where we need it to be for the labour force in the 21st century," Alexander continues. "Their structures and their programs are often delivering the experience that students needed in, for example, the nineties, not what they need today."

We could talk about financial literacy for days. More than four years ago Ontario's Ministry of Education adopted a strategy of weaving financial literacy into the curricula for students in Grades 4 to 12. Entrepreneur-

ism is knitted into the introduction to business courses in high school, electives in Grades 9 and 10, and standalone courses in Grades 11 and 12.

"We need to encourage more entrepreneurship among our young people," Alexander says. And offer expanded apprenticeships and co-op programs. And place an enhanced focus on literacy. "If you don't have strong literacy and numeracy skills going in to university, you often won't have them when you come out of university. I think employers have been very clear about the fact that they want work-ready employees."



TD Bank Group Senior Vice President & Chief Economist Craig Alexander. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MURDER-SUICIDE

Grimmie attack was planned

A gunman who shot and killed a singer who rose to fame after appearing on The Voice travelled to Orlando from another Florida city specifically to attack her and then fatally shot himself, authorities said Saturday.

Orlando Police Chief John Mina said at a news conference that the suspect, identified as 27-year-old Kevin Loibl of St. Petersburg, Florida, didn't appear to know Christina Grimmie personally. Grimmie was shot to death after giving a concert in Orlando on Friday night. She died early Saturday. "She was doing a meet-and-greet, just signing autographs and selling merchandise. This white male approached her and opened fire, striking her," Mina said.

"We believe he came here



Christina Grimmie
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to commit this crime."

The 22-year-old singer from New Jersey finished third during season six of NBC's The Voice in 2014, competing on the team of Maroon 5 star Adam Levine. She began amassing a following on YouTube as a teenager, gripping online viewers with her powerful renditions of hit songs.

In an earlier statement, police said Grimmie had performed with the band Before You Exit at The Plaza Live in Orlando. The concert ended around 10 p.m., and Grimmie was shot as she signed autographs for fans at a merchandise table in The Plaza Live concert venue.

Grimmie's brother, Marcus, immediately tackled the gunman, who then shot and killed himself during the struggle, police said. They credited the singer's brother with preventing the gunman from hurting others. Around 120 others were in The Plaza Live at the time.

"Very heroic actions by Marcus Grimmie to jump in and it definitely could have prevented further loss of life," Mina said.

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GROUP STAGE

World Cup 2014 champs beat Ukraine in its opening match

Germany began its campaign to add the 2016 European Championship to its 2014 World Cup with a promising 2-0 victory over Ukraine on Sunday.

Shkodran Mustafi's header set Germany on its way to a win that was sealed by substitute Bastian Schweinsteiger in the second minute of injury time, just two minutes after the midfielder had come on to the pitch.

The day's earlier matches both ended in 1-0 finals, with a wonder strike from Luka Modric seeing Croatia beat Turkey in a bruising encounter and Arkadiusz Milik scoring for Poland against Northern Ireland.

In the dying minutes of its match, Germany surged forward on the break and Mesut Ozil provided the perfect cross from the left flank for Schweinsteiger to hammer into the net.

"A Bastian Schweinsteiger is worth his weight in gold," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. Schweinsteiger, who suffered his second serious knee injury of the year in training on March 22 and hadn't played since, could barely believe the way his luck had turned.

"Incredible that something like this can happen, you can only wish for it," he said.

There were similar feelings for Modric after he met a high clearance with a 25-metre shot that beat Volkan Babacan in the Turkey goal.

The Real Madrid midfielder wasn't aware that



Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger scores past Ukraine goalkeeper on Sunday. DENIS CHARLET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



25 metres

Croatia's Luka Modric put in an early bid for goal of the tournament on Sunday as he strode forward into the path of a high clearance and sent a 25-metre shot into the back of the net.

MLB

Pitchers want in on home run derby

Cubs manager Joe Maddon is intrigued about having pitchers, including Chicago ace Jake Arrieta, compete in the All-Star Home Run Derby.

Giants ace Madison Bumgarner has said he would like to participate in the July 11 event at San Diego. Following his 8-2 win over the Atlanta Braves on Saturday night, Arrieta said he would want to match home-run

power with Bumgarner.

"If he's in it, I want to be in it," Arrieta said after having two hits in the win.

"I think it would be interesting," said Maddon, who mentioned Zack Greinke, Clayton Kershaw, Jacob de Grom and Bartolo Colon as other possible pitchers who could compete. "It might even be more interesting than the regulars." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bumgarner has 13 career homers.

IN BRIEF

Martin powers Jays past O's

Russell Martin's three-run homer in the sixth inning staved off a Baltimore comeback and the Toronto Blue Jays hung on to beat the Orioles 10-9 Sunday.

Trailing 5-0 in the first and 7-1 in the third, Baltimore used the long ball to get back to 7-6.

But Martin drove a 1-1 pitch off reliever Mychal Givens deep to centre field to pad the lead to 10-6 with his fifth home run of the season.

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FORMULA ONE

Hamilton wins for 5th time in Canada

Lewis Hamilton is the Canadian Grand Prix champion again.

The Briton powered his Mercedes AMG to victory Sunday, holding off Sebastian Vettel's Ferrari over the final 32 laps to claim the race for a second year in a row and fifth time overall.

Hamilton edged Vettel by five seconds in the 70-lap race, while Valtteri Botta brought his Williams in third for a second straight year. It was the Williams team's first podium finish of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Lewis Hamilton CHRIS ROUSSAKIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Crosby fondly looks back on Howe

Sidney Crosby can't recall whether it happened during his first or second season in the league, but he remembers everything else about meeting Gordie Howe.

"Like anyone else, you don't even know what to say," Crosby said of his brief encounter with Howe.

Howe, also known as "Mr. Hockey," died Friday. He was 88.

Crosby described Howe as the ultimate role model, someone he was fortunate to have met.

The two legendary figures connected after a game between the Penguins and Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, early in the career of the Pittsburgh captain. It was an unexpected meet-and-greet between two of the top players of their respective eras.

Crosby remembers being struck by how kind and genuine Howe was.

"He's probably met so many people over the years, but I think for anyone who's met him, they'll tell you that he makes you feel pretty comfortable," said Crosby, who was speaking ahead of Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final.

Like Wayne Gretzky, who has described Howe as his hockey idol, Crosby, too, was influenced by the longtime Red Wings great. He said those like Gretzky and Howe set an example for him not only on the ice but off it, in terms of their dedication to the sport.

"Those are kind of things you love about a hockey player, the way they work, the way they compete. He was one of the best at it," Crosby said.

"When you think of hockey, that's who you think of, you think of Gordie Howe. The way he played, the way he conducted himself, he's a role model for a lot of people, including myself."

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- 4 tomatoes roughly chopped
- 1 cucumber peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1/2 red onion finely sliced or chopped
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives

• 1/2 cup or so of shaved Parmesan

Directions

1. Pour oil, vinegar, Dijon and salt and pepper into a small jar, place the lid on and shake well.

2. In a large salad bowl, toss together the bread, tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, onions, black olives and Parmesan.

3. Drizzle the salad with some dressing and toss, then repeat, giving the bread a chance to drink up the dressing. You want the bread to be moist but not drowned.

4. There will be more dressing than you need, but you'll need more than you'd use for a regular salad as the bread will drink it up.

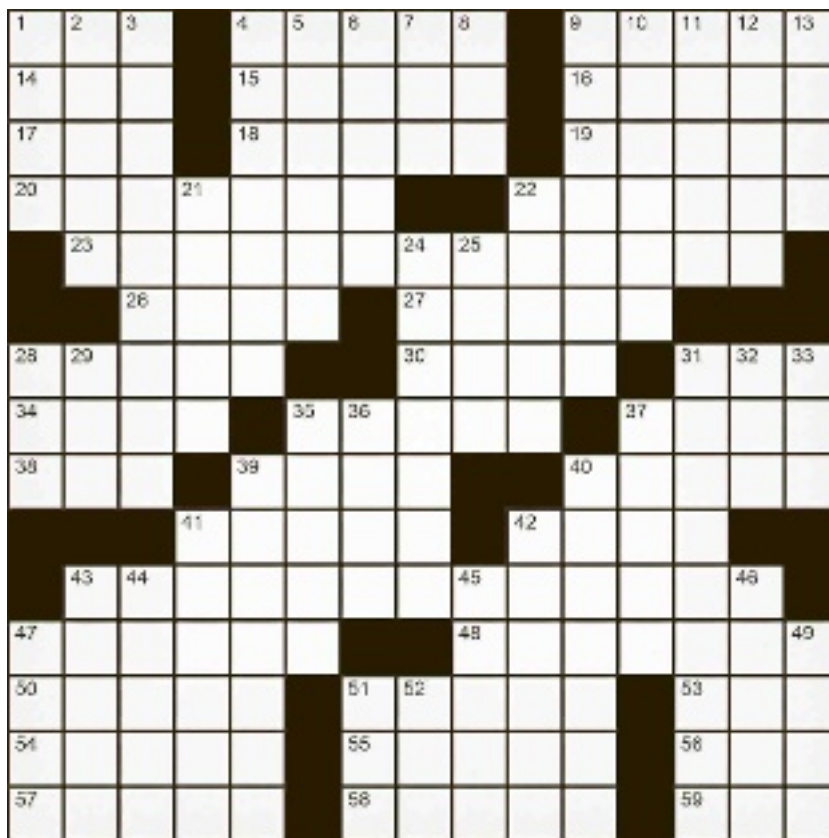
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Aries March 21 - April 20
This is an exciting, upbeat day for you! You will enjoy meeting new faces and seeing new places. Unexpected news might catch you off guard. (It's not a boring day.)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Keep an eye on your finances, because they are unpredictable today. For example, you might find money or you might lose money. Likewise, guard your possessions against loss or theft.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You feel impulsive and impetuous today! You easily might do something strange on a whim. Invite someone to share a good time with you, or accept unexpected invitations yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Some kind of hidden treasure might come your way today. If it does, be aware that this window of opportunity is brief, so you will have to act fast. Just say, "Yes!"

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might meet an unusual character today who is intriguing. Or possibly, someone you already know will do something that amazes you. (People intrigue you today.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might develop a crush on your boss or someone in a position of authority today. Or perhaps, this person will bestow a gift on you or do a favor for you. Fingers crossed!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Sudden opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. Others might get an opportunity for further training or education. If so, act fast, because this opportunity won't last long.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Surprise gifts and goodies might come your way today, so be receptive to this. Do not hesitate. Accept what is offered, because you deserve it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A friend or partner might surprise you in a lovely way today. This is a great day to deal with others, even members of the general public. Expect to be pleased.

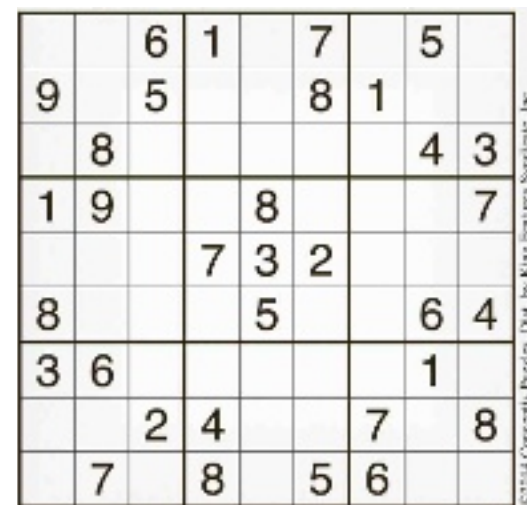
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A surprise raise or praise from others will delight you today. You might also get a chance to make your workplace look more attractive.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A surprise invite to a fun event will please you today. Enjoy partying with others, especially with children.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
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